

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

BARTLETT, Roscoe G. (Republican)  
Representative, 6th District, Maryland  
Elected 1992 to the 103d Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



BACKGROUND:

Born: Moreland, Kentucky - 3 June 1926

Home: Frederick, Maryland

Marital status: Married (Ellen) - 10 children

Religion: Seventh Day Adventist

Education: Columbia Union College, BS, 1947; Univ of Maryland, MS, 1948; PhD, 1952

Military: None

Profession: Real estate developer; scientific research company owner; farmer; biomedical engineer

Political: Defeated Thomas H. Hattery (D) in the Nov92 general election with 54% of the vote for the seat of Rep Beverly Byron (D) who lost in the primary. Reelected in 2000 with 61% of the vote and in 2002 with 66%.

Rep Bartlett, a conservative, represents a district composed of farmers, heavy industry and the military (Army's Ft Detrick).

In the 107th Congress, following the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, remarked "it is important that we celebrate our Nation's independence and freedom; that we pause to reflect on our national heritage as a defender of freedom and justice, to remember that our Founding Fathers and hundreds of thousands since bought our freedom at a price....Our national freedom was never free." To put things in perspective, noted that every day, the 10 leading causes of death in our country result in 5,032 deaths. Hoped that by focusing on airport security, the country is not neglecting security of the water infrastructure, etc. Drew attention to concern about staffing reductions at commissary stores. Opposed privatization for commissaries. Praised the FY 02 DoD Appropriations bill: "The defense law begins the process of providing the military with the tools it needs to go after terrorists and ensure the safety of the American people." Drawing attention to items he had included for enhanced national security and jobs for Maryland, added "Now more than ever, the military needs these additional resources so that we can win the war against terrorism abroad and prevent terrorist attacks at home." In remarks concerning slot machines on overseas US military bases, expressed concern about a study showing that more than half of junior enlisted troops report experiencing financial distress. Wrote an article for Insight Magazine, August 20, 2001, explaining why gender-integrated training has been unsuccessful. In May 2001, announced an Army contract with Applied Physics Lab in Laurel, MD. Introduced a bill to restrict the Army's ability to make the black beret standard issue for virtually all soldiers. Along with other colleagues from the HASC Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism, observed a demonstration of a prototype radio frequency weapon against commercial electronic equipment at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Additional: Owner, Roscoe Bartlett & Associates, a military-medical R&D firm (holds 20 patents for his invention of respiratory support and safety devices used by pilots, astronauts, and rescue workers), and RBA Construction Co. Member, House Conservative Action Team.

AF Bases: None

COMMITTEES

ARMED SERVICES -- Subcs on Terrorism; Projection Forces – chmn

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